CEFMS:

a. This week CEFMS users whose database is processed on WPC29 have experienced slow response time and other problems related to a machine that is running at full capacity. Naturally, they immediately assume that it is the CEFMS GUI application that is causing the problem.

In this instance the Chief of the Western Processing Center jumped right in, "piled on", may be a better choice of words with the thought that none of the things (increase memory, plug in new higher-speed disc drives, and upgrade the operating system to Solaris 7) that CEAP was planning to do would help with the problem. She was very quick to blame the "whole" problem on the application. I sent her a message crafted around the situation we experienced on 5 June when we implemented the GUI version-the application is performing acceptable on three of the four machines. Why won't it run on the fourth machine?

For example, on Thursday 6 July, we compared CPC25 and WPC29. CPC25 was showing more processes, more reports and more work than WPC29, yet was not showing any of the adverse symptoms, slow response and users being "kicked" off the system. I suggested that these facts might lead a logical thinking person to reason that something was different about the configuration of that machine versus the other three. I repeated our standing offer to assist the WPC in anyway we could.

Historically, WPC29 has had a tendency to be the "slowest" of the four production machines. I think the volume of business at month end aggravated the problem--this is the first week of the new month when the big "volume" of prior month end reports is being processed. We, the RM community, may need to re-look how many users at each location have been granted permissions to process reports in CEFMS Access Controls. We probably need to place tighter controls on that authority/permission.

Our ORACLE folks are working with the WPC folks to address the problem. The operating system on WPC29 is being upgraded to Solaris 7 over the weekend, 8-9 July. We are optimistic that this upgrade will provide some "relief" in spite of the opinion of the Chief of WPC.

b. Otherwise what we have been doing in CEFMS has been

resolving reported GUI problems and business as usual. We did
revise the Revolving Fund Reports Definition Directory that is
available on the Internet to provide better descriptions of what
is included on each report. A majority of the CEFMS Team has
been on leave, trying to catch up from the press on GUI prior to
5 June, and using some of their leave prior to the push for
fiscal year end.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

    a. The open problem report inventory is 593 versus 492 on
the last report. The inventory includes 75 Priority #1 problem
reports. The open inventory also includes 11 problem reports
related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

    b. Forty-eight (48) of the sixty-two active databases have
no imbalances, three (3) have one, one (1) has two, three (3)
have three, two (2) have four, one (1) has five, one (1) has six,
one has, and two (2) have ten or more. The grand total of
database imbalances across the system is 72 versus 32 on the last
report.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

----CURRENT SCHEDULE COMPLETE----

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	24
Millington	290
Washington	1
Other	1
Total	316

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 06/30/00	Current Month	Year To Date
BY CHECK:			
Checks Issued	223,719	3,648	227,367
Percent of Total	49.9%	42%	49.8%
Dollar Amount	$2,414,551,197	$38,102,862	$2,452,654,059
BY EFT:			

Transfers Made	224,544	5,041	229,585
Percent of Total	50.1%	58%	50.2%
Dollar Amount	$3,982,531,291	$109,016,439	$4,091,547,730

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. In an effort to prepare and posture DoD for the compilation of FY00 CFO Financial Statements DFAS HQ has implemented two elimination drill exercises. The first exercise suspense date was 16 June 2000 using the data for the period ending 30 March 2000 as a test. The requested data is seller-side only. For military appropriations the test was for revenues only. For civil appropriations the data included accounts receivables, revenues, transfers in and out, advances and other unearned revenues and prior period adjustments. The first suspense was met. The second exercise submission is 12 July. The second exercise will include all the trading partners data that was required for civil on the first exercise. Currently, we anticipate meeting the required 12 July suspense date with DFAS HQ.

b. The UFC is in the final stages of testing our programming effort to generate IRS W-2's (both PCS travel and the Homeowner Assistance Program), and the quarterly IRS 941. During the week of 10 July we will generate W-2's and 941's for the period 1 January 2000 through 30 June 2000 and randomly verify W-2's and 941's for accuracy to ensure the program will be ready for calendar year 2000 W-2's. The programs will eliminate all manual effort and should eliminate 90% or more of the overtime required to generate, stuff, and mail W-2's NLT 31 January each year.

c. The UFC has provided all USACE supported activities a message offering them the option of paying utilities bills with the IMPAC (credit card) in lieu of the Treasury check. The message was coordinated with the HQ USACE PARC prior to release. The message also provides for use of convenience checks if the utility will not accept credit cards. During research on the use of IMPAC for government to government payments, a discussion with Ms. Dorothy Hindman, the Army Purchase Card Coordinator lead to the option of using IMPAC for payment of utilities. The option can be used to pay utilities faster and eliminate Treasury checks since utilities are currently exempt from Treasury EFT requirements.

d. New members for the UFC Incentive Awards Committee have been selected to serve during the term 1 July 2000 through 30 June 2001. The committee chair position rotates among the Deputy Directors. The committee is responsible for administration of

various non-monetary awards such as the Team Member of the Quarter Award, Team of the Year Award, and Peer Award.

     e. We have completed a comprehensive review and analysis of FY98 and FY99 transactions for the centralized accounting of the Corps' GSA rent program. We have paid GSA any adjusted amounts due as a result of our analysis. However, since there are still some outstanding disputed amounts of rent, we have provided the results of our review to the program manager at HQUSACE for resolution with GSA.